

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 01/02-29

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2000/01
CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO
KIDS (CalWORKs) FUNDS TO UNDER-EQUITY COUNTIES

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update regarding the distribution of unspent funds to the counties that are under equity with respect to the CalWORKs Single Allocation (excluding Child Care and Cal Learn).

Assembly Bill 429 (Chapter 111) provided for the identification and distribution of any surplus CalWORKs funds to under-equity counties within 60 days of receipt of the FY 2000/01 fourth quarter claims. The intent of this language was to provide a one-time adjustment to the FY 2001/02 CalWORKs Single Allocation while the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) works, in consultation with the counties, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), and other stakeholders, to develop a new budget methodology for the CalWORKs Program for FY 2002/03.

CWDA has provided CDSS with a suggested methodology for determining which counties are under equity and, therefore, eligible to receive a portion of the surplus funds. The Department is currently consulting with CWDA to operationalize that methodology.

Historically, any available statewide surplus funds have been redistributed to counties which overspent their allocations, at the time of the year-end closeout process which takes place approximately 12 months after the end of the state fiscal year. However, in light of the aforementioned requirement, CWDA has proposed that the redistribution process be eliminated for FY 2000/01. It is CDSS' priority to fully comply with the provisions of the statute in this area and we have agreed to CWDA's proposal to forego the redistribution process. This will have a positive impact on the amount of surplus funds that may be available for the under-equity process.

However, the Department must also consider the amount of funding needed to respond to the adjusted (supplemental) claims process. As in past years, CDSS is required to process all FY 2000/01 supplemental claims as stated in Welfare & Institutions Code Section 10604.5. This section provides that supplemental claims are to be filed with the

department within nine months from the end of the calendar quarter in which the costs are paid. Supplemental claims received for the first quarter of FY 2000/01 resulted in a 1.5 percent increase in expenditures. To date, with three quarters of supplemental claims still outstanding, FY 2000/01 CalWORKs Single Allocation expenditures represent 97.6 percent of the allocation, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health expenditures represent 90.3 percent of the allocation. See Attachments I and II.

Given this level of expenditure, together with the mandate requiring the continued processing of supplemental claims, it is unclear at this time how much surplus funding will be available for the under-equity counties. CDSS will continue to monitor each quarter's supplemental claims as they are received. The second quarter review should be completed around November 15, 2001.

In addition, CWDA had asked the Department if it was possible to accelerate the supplemental claim process for the third and fourth quarters of FY 2000/01. The constraints of our accounting system will not accommodate an accelerated process. However, in an attempt to speed up the under-equity review process, CDSS is asking counties to provide the Department with a projection of their third and fourth quarter supplemental claim costs for expenditures related to the CalWORKs Single Allocation, Substance Abuse, and Mental Health programs. Please email this information to Kristen Scott of the County Financial Analysis Bureau at Kristen.Scott@dss.ca.gov, by November 30, 2001. We will reassess the availability of surplus funds after all additional information has been reviewed and will provide counties with another update on, or about, December 15, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact your county analyst in the County Financial Analysis Bureau at (916) 657-3806.

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Attachments
c: CWDA
CSAC

FY 2000-01 CalWORKs SINGLE ALLOCATION vs. EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

COUNTIES	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	PERCENTAGE
		9/00 QTR thru 6/01 QTR	EXPENDED
	(Federal & State)	as of 9/20/01 (Federal & State)	(Federal & State)
ALAMEDA	\$78,679,028	\$89,146,411	113.30%
ALPINE	\$354,494	\$301,161	84.96%
AMADOR	\$985,069	\$802,751	81.49%
BUTTE	\$15,441,036	\$14,374,449	93.09%
CALAVERAS	\$1,259,417	\$1,377,426	109.37%
COLUSA	\$1,092,681	\$691,729	63.31%
CONTRA COSTA	\$45,913,502	\$40,656,396	88.55%
DEL NORTE	\$2,976,498	\$3,036,208	102.01%
EL DORADO	\$4,942,205	\$4,366,207	88.35%
FRESNO	\$55,514,881	\$59,194,307	106.63%
GLENN	\$2,566,144	\$2,465,348	96.07%
HUMBOLDT	\$8,412,931	\$5,923,663	70.41%
IMPERIAL	\$9,480,511	\$6,603,461	69.65%
INYO	\$1,095,904	\$885,064	80.76%
KERN	\$55,072,724	\$55,451,929	100.69%
KINGS	\$6,920,790	\$6,212,883	89.77%
LAKE	\$5,149,224	\$4,385,132	85.16%
LASSEN	\$1,447,061	\$1,222,839	84.51%
LOS ANGELES	\$466,427,605	\$463,235,858	99.32%
MADERA	\$6,040,748	\$4,887,291	80.91%
MARIN	\$4,512,329	\$4,152,134	92.02%
MARIPOSA	\$939,850	\$771,302	82.07%
MENDOCINO	\$5,278,566	\$5,019,771	95.10%
MERCED	\$21,152,898	\$20,602,174	97.40%
MODOC	\$1,023,720	\$863,540	84.35%
MONO	\$706,096	\$190,974	27.05%
MONTEREY	\$16,167,254	\$15,857,410	98.08%
NAPA	\$3,057,317	\$2,184,349	71.45%
NEVADA	\$3,215,986	\$2,438,145	75.81%
ORANGE	\$88,184,128	\$82,356,988	93.39%
PLACER	\$11,070,303	\$9,159,524	82.74%
PLUMAS	\$1,284,480	\$850,452	66.21%
RIVERSIDE	\$96,146,251	\$94,095,990	97.87%
SACRAMENTO	\$115,298,229	\$115,277,609	99.98%
SAN BENITO	\$1,631,447	\$1,783,373	109.31%
SAN BERNARDINO	\$124,358,886	\$126,193,236	101.48%
SAN DIEGO	\$106,234,918	\$103,757,897	97.67%
SAN FRANCISCO	\$46,666,949	\$46,206,542	99.01%
SAN JOAQUIN	\$36,773,777	\$33,106,878	90.03%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	\$11,673,630	\$10,805,049	92.56%
SAN MATEO	\$13,393,921	\$11,888,191	88.76%
SANTA BARBARA	\$15,583,655	\$15,978,604	102.53%
SANTA CLARA	\$63,628,173	\$58,280,239	91.60%
SANTA CRUZ	\$13,049,454	\$12,226,181	93.69%
SHASTA	\$8,195,903	\$9,917,428	121.00%
SIERRA	\$344,536	\$310,463	90.11%
SISKIYOU	\$2,705,558	\$2,622,437	96.93%
SOLANO	\$22,836,144	\$22,475,949	98.42%
SONOMA	\$17,297,596	\$16,025,792	92.65%
STANISLAUS	\$25,093,703	\$22,439,842	89.42%
SUTTER	\$3,874,676	\$3,172,343	81.87%
TEHAMA	\$3,801,811	\$2,672,815	70.30%
TRINITY	\$790,880	\$846,469	107.03%
TULARE	\$26,243,330	\$26,549,513	101.17%
TUOLUMNE	\$1,989,131	\$1,693,649	85.15%
VENTURA	\$25,723,073	\$22,509,582	87.51%
YOLO	\$9,292,663	\$8,934,577	96.15%
YUBA	\$8,472,828	\$6,356,915	75.03%
TOTAL	\$1,727,466,502	\$1,685,794,839	97.59%

ATTACHMENT II

**FY 2000-01 SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH ALLOCATION vs.
EXPENDITURE COMPARISON**

COUNTIES	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	PERCENTAGE
		9/00 QTR thru 6/01 QTR	EXPENDED
	(State)	as of 9/20/01 (State)	(State)
ALAMEDA	\$4,216,465	\$5,169,094	122.59%
ALPINE	\$50,000	\$1,513	3.03%
AMADOR	\$65,480	\$70,752	108.05%
BUTTE	\$1,351,194	\$1,951,194	144.41%
CALAVERAS	\$97,742	\$13,731	14.05%
COLUSA	\$65,305	\$2,848	4.36%
CONTRA COSTA	\$2,880,251	\$2,241,290	77.82%
DEL NORTE	\$388,206	\$388,203	100.00%
EL DORADO	\$343,442	\$657,622	191.48%
FRESNO	\$4,162,153	\$3,373,084	81.04%
GLENN	\$192,088	\$80,509	41.91%
HUMBOLDT	\$677,078	\$408,075	60.27%
IMPERIAL	\$951,337	\$1,029,434	108.21%
INYO	\$72,848	\$0	0.00%
KERN	\$3,245,300	\$2,183,057	67.27%
KINGS	\$551,211	\$479,026	86.90%
LAKE	\$442,316	\$321,236	72.63%
LASSEN	\$215,371	\$215,372	100.00%
LOS ANGELES	\$32,703,656	\$32,703,656	100.00%
MADERA	\$598,518	\$658,577	110.03%
MARIN	\$220,215	\$195,318	88.69%
MARIPOSA	\$148,462	\$148,462	100.00%
MENDOCINO	\$445,635	\$451,446	101.30%
MERCED	\$1,740,005	\$949,097	54.55%
MODOC	\$115,769	\$90,280	77.98%
MONO	\$50,000	\$50,000	100.00%
MONTEREY	\$828,271	\$807,051	97.44%
NAPA	\$225,431	\$227,799	101.05%
NEVADA	\$214,965	\$288,781	134.34%
ORANGE	\$5,567,174	\$4,181,516	75.11%
PLACER	\$527,502	\$520,070	98.59%
PLUMAS	\$127,160	\$82,495	64.87%
RIVERSIDE	\$4,213,718	\$1,108,145	26.30%
SACRAMENTO	\$6,430,468	\$5,286,665	82.21%
SAN BENITO	\$90,091	\$6,068	6.74%
SAN BERNARDINO	\$6,744,006	\$6,305,031	93.49%
SAN DIEGO	\$5,740,942	\$4,701,868	81.90%
SAN FRANCISCO	\$2,217,451	\$2,109,720	95.14%
SAN JOAQUIN	\$2,767,153	\$3,267,448	118.08%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	\$683,976	\$554,948	81.14%
SAN MATEO	\$581,007	\$581,007	100.00%
SANTA BARBARA	\$950,744	\$864,540	90.93%
SANTA CLARA	\$3,423,433	\$2,651,811	77.46%
SANTA CRUZ	\$773,850	\$646,964	83.60%
SHASTA	\$663,608	\$980,014	147.68%
SIERRA	\$50,000	\$9,039	18.08%
SISKIYOU	\$423,219	\$423,219	100.00%
SOLANO	\$1,089,059	\$908,401	83.41%
SONOMA	\$852,033	\$852,033	100.00%
STANISLAUS	\$2,019,813	\$2,019,813	100.00%
SUTTER	\$269,732	\$116,100	43.04%
TEHAMA	\$406,193	\$550,704	135.58%
TRINITY	\$74,896	\$74,896	100.00%
TULARE	\$2,136,197	\$2,221,817	104.01%
TUOLUMNE	\$376,953	\$376,953	100.00%
VENTURA	\$1,180,873	\$892,240	75.56%
YOLO	\$630,309	\$553,122	87.75%
YUBA	\$650,726	\$333,654	51.27%
TOTAL	\$108,921,000	\$98,336,808	90.28%